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I would be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Conclusions of the General Affairs Council on Iraq, Brussels, 27 January 2003

The Council adopted the following conclusions on Iraq:

"The Council, deeply concerned about the situation in Iraq, reaffirms that its goal remains the effective and complete disarmament of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The Council fully supports the efforts of the United Nations to ensure full and immediate compliance by Iraq with all relevant resolutions of the Security Council, in particular with Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) of 8 November 2002. The resolution gives an unambiguous message that the Iraqi Government has a final opportunity to resolve the crisis peacefully.

The Council therefore urges the Iraqi authorities to engage in full and active cooperation with the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The Iraqi authorities must, as an imperative, provide the inspectors, without delay, with all additional and complete information on questions raised by the international community. The Council expresses its appreciation for the work accomplished by the inspectors so far and reiterates its confidence and full support for Dr. Blix and Dr. ElBaradei to complete their mission in accordance with resolution 1441 (2002). It welcomes their intention to continue and intensify their operations.

The Council recalls that it stands ready to engage all necessary efforts to answer the needs of UNMOVIC and IAEA in personnel and practical means.

The Council underlines the fundamental importance of preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in accordance with the relevant international instruments. The Security Council has a key role to play in these endeavours.

The Council reaffirms the role of the Security Council in the implementation of resolution 1441 (2002). The responsibility of the Security Council in maintaining international peace and security must be respected".